



DEDICATION

R. A. GRAY ARCHIVES, LIBRARY, AND  
MUSEUM BUILDING

MAY, 1977

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FLORIDA STATE LIBRARY

*The R. A. Gray Archives, Library, and Museum Building was named in honor of the fourteenth Secretary of State of Florida, Robert Andrew Gray.*

*The Honorable R. A. Gray served in Florida government for 50 years. Born August 2, 1882, in Cairo, Georgia, Mr. Gray attended Florida public schools, South Florida Military College (later consolidated in the University of Florida), and Georgetown University. He earned a law degree from Southern College, Lakeland, and in 1911 served as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives from Gadsden County. Subsequently, he was Assistant State Auditor, Executive Secretary to Governor Park Trammell, Private Secretary to U.S. Senator Trammell, and Assistant State Comptroller before being appointed Secretary of State on April 12, 1930, by Governor Doyle Carlton. He then was elected to seven four-year terms, serving a total of 30 years as Secretary of State.*

*R. A. Gray turned the first shovelful of earth at the November, 1973 groundbreaking of the building that bears his name. He lived to the age of 93.*

**EVENT:** Dedication of the R. A. Gray  
Archives, Library, and Museum Building  
**DATE:** Friday, May 20, 1977  
**TIME:** 11:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Plaza in front of the R. A. Gray Archives,  
Library, and Museum Building  
500 Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida

### **PROGRAM**

**Musical Selections**

—Florida High School Band,  
Developmental Research School, FSU

**Flag Raising**

—FAMU ROTC Color Guard

**Invocation**

—Reverend Alfred B. Vaught  
District Superintendent  
United Methodist Church, Tallahassee

**Welcome**

—Secretary of State Bruce A. Smathers,  
Master of Ceremonies

**Greetings**

—Governor Reubin O'D. Askew

**Dedicatory Address**

**Unveiling of the Plaque**

—Governor LeRoy Collins

**Benediction**

—Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein  
Temple Israel, Tallahassee



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